GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
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SSI TRIBAL IN BACKWARD AREAS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken steps to set up small scale industries in backward and tribal areas of Maharashtra, especially in Vidarbh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the problems being faced by the cottage industries; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to promote cottage industries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): The development of Small Scale Industries (SSI) units is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments. Government does not set up any SSI units. The units are set up by individual entrepreneurs in the country including Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State/UT Governments through various schemes/programmes relating to enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructure, marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation. These schemes/programmes are implemented across the country.

(c) & (d): Government is aware of the main problems being faced by the cottage industries sector. With a view to promote a sustainable development and growth in this sector, various schemes/programmes have been launched to facilitate raw materials availability, credit, design and technical inputs, skill upgradation, packaging and marketing. Some of these steps are enumerated below :

1 . `Khadi package` announced on 14.05.2001 consisting of creation of packaging and design facilities, brand building, cluster development, marketing, additional working capital etc.

2 . Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana launched to develop selected artisans clusters through effective member participation and mutual cooperation.

3. 52 Handicrafts Marketing and Service Extension Centres set up all over the country to assist the artisans.

4. Five Regional Design and Technical Development Centres are functioning at Guwahati, Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi and Kolkata.

5 . Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana introduced in 2002-01, to cover activities from basic input and working capital to provisions of design, marketing, publicity etc.

6. The National Handloom Development Corporation supplies yarn to the weavers under `Mill Gate Price Scheme`.

7 Yarn producers are required to supply pack yarn for civil consumption at least 40% in hank form free of excise duty.

8. A National Centre for textile design has been set up.

9. 11 categories of textile articles are reserved exclusively for production by handlooms.